

Interview Summary

Application No.

09/461,211

Applicant(s)

Koizumi et al.

Examiner

Atkinson

Art Unit

3753

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Christopher Atkinson

(3) _____

(2) Thomas Bilodeau

(4) _____

Date of Interview 12/17/03

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conferencec) ☒ Personal (copy is given to 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No. If yes, brief description:

Claim(s) discussed: 1 and 5

Identification of prior art discussed:

Tokawa et al., Matsuura, Kato

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

Discussed the insertion section of Tokawa et al. being not smaller than the insertion hole. It is believed that the insertion section of Tokawa et al. in Figure 2 shows the insertion section smaller in width than the insertion hole. Also, discussed the fin width being larger than at least the base of the reinforcement element as illustrated in Fig. 20 of Matsuura.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) ☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked).

Unless the paragraph above has been checked, THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached

CHRISTOPHER ATKINSON
PRIMARY EXAMINER

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

Christopher Atkinson
Examiner's signature, if required